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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure, which appears on page 122, with the following amended Abstract:

Systems and techniques to allow a user to design and manage business solutions. The business solution management system (150) comprises a portal layer (112), an application layer (104) and a data repository (106). The portal layer (112) comprises at least first and second agents (204, 208). The application layer (104) comprises at least first and second software applications (220, 224). The first and second agents (204, 208) provide user interfaces to the first and second software applications (220, 224). The first software application (220) is operable to allow a user to design a business solution with user parameters and user-selectable, pre-defined business process objects and pre-defined technology objects. The second software application (224) is operable to allow a user to manage the business solution. The data repository (106) comprises the pre-defined business objects (316) and pre-defined technology objects (314).